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SUBJECT: GREEK EDITOR'S REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT  
CARTER

1. JOHN KAPSIS, CHIEF EDITOR OF SENSATIONAL LEFTIST DAILY  
TA NEA OF CHRISTOS LAMBRAKIS' GROUP, CALLED ON ME  
YESTERDAY TO TELL ME ABOUT HIS FORTHCOMING WEEK-LONG VISIT TO  
U.S. IN EARLY OCTOBER TO SEE FRIENDS, INCLUDING, HE SAID,  
FORMER AMBASSADOR KUBISCH. POINT OF KAPSIS' CALL WAS TO  
REQUEST THAT I TRY TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW FOR HIM WITH  
PRESIDENT CARTER DURING THE VISIT. HE SAID HE PROPOSED TO  
ASK A SERIES OF BROAD QUESTIONS, "MOSTLY SUBMITTED IN  
ADVANCE", WHICH WOULD GIVE PRESIDENT CARTER THE  
CHANCE TO CLARIFY HIS ADMINISTRATION'S THOUGHTS AND POLICY  
ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS CYPRUS, THE AEGEAN, AND HUMAN RIGHTS.  
KAPSIS SAID HE THOUGH PUBLICATION OF SUCH AN INTERVIEW IN HIS  
PAPER WOULD SERVE U.S. INTERESTS BY SETTING THE RECORD  
STRAIGHT AND WOULD, OF COURSE, BE A FEATHER IN HIS PAPER'S  
CAP IN THIS "PRE-ELECTORAL" PERIOD.

2. I TOLD KAPSIS I WOULD BE GLAD TO PASS HIS REQUEST  
ON TO WASHINGTON AND TRY TO HAVE AN ANSWER FOR HIM IN THE  
NEXT FEW WEEKS, BUT THAT I WOULD NOT HOLD OUT TOO MUCH  
HOPE IN VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S ENORMOUSLY BUSY SCHEDULE.

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3. COMMENT: KAPSIS IS A TALENTED JOURNALIST AND A  
PROTEGE OF LAMBRAKIS, THE MOST POWERFUL PUBLISHING  
FIGURE IN GREECE. KAPSIS WAS FRIENDLY WITH A NUMBER OF  
FORMER EMBASSY AND USIS OFFICERS HERE BUT IN RECENT  
YEARS HE AND HIS PAPER HAVE BEEN VIRULENTLY ANTI-AMERICAN.  
NEVERTHELSS, TA NEA HAS THE LARGEST CIRCULATION AND IS

THE MOST WIDELY READ NEWSPAPER IN GREECE AND WE CANNOT  
IGNORE IT. THEREFORE, WE HOPE SOME RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS  
IN THE DEPARTMENT, PERHAPS INCLUDING ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
VEST, WILL TALK WITH KAPSIS, AT LEAST ON A BACKGROUND  
BASIS, IF HE COMES TO WASHINGTON BUT WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT  
BELIEVE HE SHOULD BE SINGLED OUT AT THIS TIME FOR SPECIAL  
FAVOR OF PRESIDENTIAL INTERVIEW. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT WE  
SHOULD TELL KAPSIS REGARDING HIS REQUEST.

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